

VA may not be able to meet demand for medical services.

Mr. Speaker, with the introduction of the Veterans Health Care Full Funding Act, H.R. 2475, we hope to move beyond debate and discussion and finally get on the fast track to legislative action. It's time to fix the funding system for veterans' health care. I urge all my colleagues to carefully review and consider supporting the Veterans Health Care Full Funding Act, H.R. 2475, to provide dependable, stable and sustained funding to meet the health care needs of veterans of our armed forces. They deserve no less from a grateful nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF WILLITS, CALIFORNIA

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mr. Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Memorial Baptist Church of Willits as this congregation celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding.

W.F. Harrison, a Baptist layman who worked in a Leggett sawmill, identified the need for a Baptist Church in Willits. Ralph Rummings, a seminary student studying for foreign missionary work, was persuaded to start the mission and work at the sawmill for \$25 a week. So, a few logging families formed the hub of the church, which has since grown to a congregation of 150 people.

Memorial Baptist Church became an official congregation on June 21, 1953. The church's first minister was Pastor Russell R. Morris, a seminary student who later became a missionary to Lebanon, Jordan and Israel. The first church services were held at the Leake Recreation Hall. Land was purchased in 1954 and the church building was completed in 1956.

Over the course of the past 50 years, the church has played an important spiritual role in Willits and has enriched the lives of many people. Although the congregation has endured philosophical differences over the years, it has remained united in its ministry, serving the needs of the congregation and the community.

Memorial Baptist has provided humanitarian assistance to people through local, national and international programs and activities. Currently, the church is an active participant in the Brown Bag Lunch Program of Willits, the Willits Community Services & Food Bank and the Community Benevolence Fund. The Women's Mission/Ministries group supports overseas projects, assists women in becoming self-supporting and provides funds to teach English to new immigrants.

Mr. Speaker, we honor this church for its many contributions to our community. For fifty years the church has been a shining example of patriotism and valor, a place where all are welcome. It is appropriate at this time that we recognize Memorial Baptist Church on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO OJAY HANSEN WORRELL

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to the life and passing of Ojay Hansen Worrell, an outstanding citizen from my district. Ojay was an active member of the Glenwood Springs community and he will be remembered as a respected businessman, an honored veteran, and a dedicated family man. Ojay passed away recently at the age of 79, leaving a legacy of leadership for his community to follow.

Ojay was born in Oklahoma City but moved to Glenwood Springs, Colorado when he was only four years old. He graduated from Garfield County High School and later married his high school sweetheart Marcella. Ojay joined the Navy and served our country during World War II, returning home to receive his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Colorado. Ojay found success in the business field, owning and operating Holland Auto Parts for over 30 years.

Ojay eventually began work in public service, serving on the Glenwood Springs City Council, as well as serving two years as the city's mayor. He was also involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Elks Lodge, and the Kiwanis Club. When not working in the community, Ojay enjoyed fishing, hunting, and area athletics.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ojay Worrell before this Congress and this nation. His hard work, enthusiasm, and leadership in the community will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Ojay's family and friends as they mourn his loss.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK MODICA

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I stand before this body of Congress and this nation to pay tribute to Frank Modica, an outstanding citizen from my district. Frank was an active member of the Trinidad community and he will be remembered as a respected businessman, an honored veteran, and a dedicated family man. Frank passed away recently at the age of 79, leaving a legacy of leadership in the Trinidad community.

Frank was a lifelong resident of Trinidad, graduating from Trinidad High School in 1938. Two years later, he married his wife Jane, a union that would last for the next 62 years. Several years later, Frank answered his country's call to duty, serving in the Army during World War II. Upon his return to the states, Frank worked with a number of companies, eventually owning Modica Trucking, The East Side Inn, and Modica Brothers Red-E-Mix.

Frank was also active in the Catholic Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Trinidad Planning Commission. When he

was not busy within the community, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling and gardening.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Frank Modica before this body of Congress and this nation. His hard work, enthusiastic attitude, and leadership will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Frank's family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO IRVING JAQUEZ

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to pay tribute to Irving Jaquez, the long-time warden of the Trinidad Correctional Facility in Trinidad, Colorado. Irving will soon be retiring as warden of the prison, where his leadership will be truly missed. I want to honor his many contributions here today.

Irving worked his way up through the ranks of the Colorado Department of Corrections, starting as a correctional guard. From there, he served as a correctional sergeant, lieutenant, case manager, admissions officer, housing supervisor, deputy warden, and warden. During his time at the prison, Irving was responsible for a mass transfer of prisoners, as 326 inmates had to be moved into the new maximum-security prison in Canon City. Like all of his work, the transfer was carefully planned and went off without a hitch.

Irving saw the prison system go through numerous changes through his many years of service. Irving worked hard to eliminate the potential for escapes from his facility. Recently, however, he has focused on the problem of contraband in prisons. As always, Irving works hard to protect the safety of his guards and protect the safety of the prisoners as well.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of Irving's contributions to the Colorado Department of Corrections. His detailed and efficient management style has led to a well-run, well-organized prison, providing the utmost safety for prisoners and Trinidad citizens alike. Thank you, Irving, for your hard work and dedication.

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GARY CAMPBELL

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 16, 2003*

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Gary Campbell, who is retiring after 34 years of service to education in Southwest Michigan. Earning his degree through Western Michigan University, the largest institution of higher education in Michigan's Sixth District, Gary has shown his commitment to the education of countless children over a four-decade span. Gary began his career at Edwardsburg Public Schools where he taught high school courses for three years. His keen intellect and strong work ethic soon propelled him to school administration. He has served as Superintendent